

County of Santa Rosa

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2004, Santa Rosa County was struck by Hurricane Ivan, a Category 3 storm with winds in excess of 130 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the effects of the disaster dramatically affected the lives of thousands of Santa Rosa County citizens and neighbors, and

WHEREAS, Project H.O.P.E., which stands for Helping Our People in Emergencies, is a FEMA funded crisis counseling and referral program administered by the Florida Department of Children & Families with the mission of providing emotional support, hope and guidance to communities affected by disasters; and

WHEREAS, Project H.O.P.E. trained hundreds of crisis counselors in affected Florida communities, providing direct counseling and referral services to thousands of citizens in Santa Rosa County and the surrounding region through creative partnerships.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, that

PROJECT H.O.P.E.

is hereby recognized as an essential hurricane recovery resource in Santa Rosa County. With the help of Project H.O.P.E., and with faith in the resolve of our citizens, Santa Rosa County is on the road to recovery. We express our thanks to all the government agencies, community and faith-based organizations and volunteers who partnered with Project H.O.P.E.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, this 13th day of October, 2005, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: _____
Gordon Goodin, Chairman